

**SUNY Westchester Community College
75 Grasslands Road
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**P425E201126: CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) –
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students**

**Report #3 (120 Day Report) as of August 21, 2020
Due 45 days¹ after the Second (75 Day-) Report of June 25, 2020**

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- 1. Acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004 (a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.**

SUNY Westchester Community College acknowledges an authorized representative of the institution has signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement for the **Student Emergency Aid Portion** of funds on April 14, 2020 and received its award (P425E201126) on April 23, 2020.

SUNY Westchester Community College also acknowledges that an authorized representative of the institution has signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement for the **Institutional Portion** of funds on April 23, 2020 and received its award (P425F202001) on May 7, 2020.

The institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the total funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

- 2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.**

¹ This report conforms to the reporting requirements posted by the US Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education on May 6, 2020. <https://ifap.ed.gov/electronic-announcements/050620HigherEdEmergencyReliefFundRptg>

SUNY Westchester Community College has been awarded \$3,597,836 of HEERF funds (Grant P425E201126) from the Department pursuant to the Certification and Agreement for **Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students**.

SUNY Westchester Community College has also been awarded \$3,597,836 of HEERF funds from the Department pursuant to the Certification and Agreement from the **Institutional Portion**.

The total funds awarded under the 18004(a) (1) allocation to date is \$7,195,672.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e. as of the 30 day Report and every 45 days after).

SUNY Westchester Community College has distributed **\$1,274,958** of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of **August 21, 2020** (Report #3, 120 Days after Receipt of Award).

4. Estimated Total Number of Eligible Students

SUNY Westchester Community College has determined an estimated total of **4,396** students at the institution are eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

5. Total Number of Students Received Emergency Financial Aid Grant

There are **1,081** WCC students that have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the **21 August 2020** (Third Report at 120 Days). WCC received SUNY System final policy and procedure approval for the distribution of the Student Emergency Financial Portion of HEERF Cares Act funds.

6. Method to Determine Emergency Financial Aid Grants

SUNY Westchester Community College has prioritized awarding of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to its students in the following manner:

Priority 1 - Pell recipients

70% of the funds received will be used to meet the emergency need of students impacted by COVID-19 in this category.

Priority 2 – Eligible Non-Pell recipients

25% of the funds received will be used to meet the emergency need of students impacted by COVID-19 in this category.

Extra funding – Eligible students in special circumstances

5% of the funds received will be used to supplement amounts of the max awards of \$1,000 for students who have special circumstances and a particularly pressing need (up to Pell max of \$6,195 per award).

Under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, students may receive awards ranging from **\$500 to \$3,000**, with additional awards available up to the maximum Federal Pell grant threshold of \$6,195 per award.

7. Institutional Instructions, Directions, or Guidance to Students

SUNY Westchester Community College has distributed the following communication to students:

To WCC Students: To address the needs created in these unprecedented and challenging times, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law to get support to college students in need of relief as quickly as possible. Funding is prioritized to help cover your expenses related to the disruptions of campus operations due to coronavirus.

To be eligible for this funding, the student must

- have been enrolled in the Spring 2020 semester in at least one in-person class as of March 13, 2020,
- have completed a 2019-20 FASFA or a 2020-21 FASFA and meet the eligibility requirements to receive Title IV federal financial aid,

Funding for Fall 2020 students will be eligible if funds are available. (*cont.*)

Students who do not qualify for CARES Act funding are encouraged to apply for student emergency grants provided by WCC's Office of Student Support Services:

<https://www.sunywcc.edu/student-services/bac/>

Students who are eligible for CARES Act funding can complete the online application available on the Office of Student Financial Assistance's website (see accompanying proposed application). Application will be submitted online. The priority application deadline is **July 15, 2020** for Spring 2020 students.

Indicate on the application whether the expense is due to Housing, Food, Course Materials, Technology, Healthcare, Childcare, or Transportation (may check all that apply).